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**REQUEST
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Application Number	10/001,479
Filing Date	November 1, 2001
First Named Inventor	Fabrice Vitry, et al.
Art Unit	3676
Examiner Name	Carlos Lugo
Attorney Docket Number	283-01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

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i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on _____

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

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b. ☐ Other _____

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i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e) 05/13/2004 AMONDAF1 00000003 10001479

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Fabrice Vitry, et al.
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For: LATCHING DEVICE
Art Unit: 3676
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AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to a final Office Action dated December 16, 2003, and an Advisory Action dated April 27, 2004, applicant requests a two-month extension of time to respond, and files this Amendment with an accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fees.

In the claims:

Amend the claims as recited below.

1. (Twice Amended) A latch assembly, the latch assembly comprising:

an elongate housing having sidewalls thereto and a hook-like shaped member extending outwardly transversely thereto from an outside of a said sidewall thereof;

a pawl pivotally attached to the housing and being movable between a closed and an open position, the pawl being provided with a torsion spring member that biases the pawl toward the open position;